

Millard West Boys Basketball Wildcat Report

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Rockets Beat Wildcats in Overtime

The Millard West Wildcats mounted two comebacks to force their game with Lincoln Southeast into overtime, but the Rockets were able to pull away and win 76-70.

Four Wildcats scored in double digits. Jaidyn Gaius-Anyegbu led the team with 20 points. Peyton Moore and Cole Kirschner added 11 points each. Zac Grandgenett scored 10 points and dished out four assists.

Lincoln Southeast also had four players score in double digits. Wade Voss led the way with 23 points. Taye Moore scored 17. Bangot Dak and Jake Hilkemann added 11 and 10 respectively.

The Rockets jumped out to an early 10-2 lead by scoring in their first four possessions. West cut the lead to 12-7 on a 3-pointer by Moore, but Southeast was able to get their lead back up to 20-7 with 2:35 left in the quarter. The Wildcats scored the last 4 points of the quarter to trail 20-11.

The Wildcats made three 3-pointers in their first four possessions and took a 22-20 lead with 5:30 left in the quarter.

The remainder of the 2nd quarter saw three lead changes between the two teams. The score was tied 32-32 at the half.

“We didn’t come out of the gate with very much intensity,” Coach Bill Morrison said. “But, once again, we battled back to make it a game.”

Both offenses were productive in the start of the 2nd half. The score was tied 43-43 after a basket by BJ Bradford with 3:38 left in the quarter. Bradford’s 3-pointer sparked a 15-5 run to end the quarter with the Rockets leading 55-48.

Southeast opened the final period with a 3-pointer by Moore to make it look like the rockets might pull away from the Wildcats.

West’s defense only allowed 5 more points the remainder of the quarter. Five different players scored in the 4th quarter for West.

West was able to force a shot clock violation while trailing 60-59. Max Frohloff drove through the lane and made a lay-up to give West their first lead of the 4th quarter, 61-60, with 41.6 minutes left in the game.

Voss scored for the Wildcats with 11.8 seconds left in the game.

The Wildcats inbounded the ball quickly, attacked down the right side and found Gaius flashing through the lane. Gaius was fouled on his shot and made 1 of 2 free throws to send the game into overtime.

West was able to stop Southeast on the first possession of the overtime, but the Rockets would score on each of the following possessions. Voss scored 10 of his 23 points in overtime.

“We had trouble staying in front of the ball handlers in overtime,” Morrison said. “Their guards did a good job of finding Voss after we had to rotate and help.”

LSE	20	12	23	7	14	76
MW	11	21	16	14	8	70

LSE—Bradford 9, Dak 11, Moore 17, Glet 6, Voss 23, Hilkemann 10.

MW—Kirschner 11, Gassen 9, Frohloff 7, Moore 11, Gaius 20, Grandgenett 10, Fortune 2.

Scores

Freshman A (10-2)		Freshman B (7-3)		Reserves (7-3)		Junior Varsity (6-4)		Varsity (5-7)	
Westview	W 63-54	Bell East	W 76-17	Elk North	W 60-49	Bell East	W 59-51	Bel West	L 72-40
Bell East	W 83-38	Westside	W 37-35			Lin SE	W 83-53	Lin SE	L 70-76 OT
Westside	W 62-46								

Bellevue West Uses Defense to Stop Wildcats

Millard West traveled to Bellevue West to take on the #23 ranked team in the nation. The Thunderbirds' defense set the tone for the night early in the game. Bellevue West beat the Wildcats 70-42.

Cole Kirschner led the Wildcats with 15 points. Jaidyn Gaius scored 10. Max Frohloff recorded 4 steals and Peyton Moored grabbed 5 rebounds.

Three Thunderbirds scored in double digits. Jaxon Stueve led the way with 16 points. Jaden Jackson and Robby Garcia scored 12 points apiece.

Bellevue West's pressure defense created seven turnovers in the first quarter. The Thunderbirds did not allow a point until Zac Grandgenett made a free throw with 2:17 left in the quarter. The Wildcats trailed 21-3 at the end of the first quarter.

"We knew that their pressure would be a challenge for us. Not only did we turn the ball over too much, we took three or four bad shots in the first quarter," Coach Bill Morrison said.

Bellevue West extended their lead to 31-3 by scoring on their first three possessions of the 2nd quarter. Kirschner was able to help the Wildcats settle down by making three consecutive 3-pointers midway through the period.

The Wildcats went on a 7-3 run to end the half down 21-45.

"We were able to catch up to their speed a little bit and score some points in the 2nd quarter," Morrison said. "But we still were not able to slow down their offense."

The Cats struggled offensively again the 3rd quarter. But, their defense was able to slow down the Thunderbirds. Bellevue outscored Millard

West 11-8 in the quarter and led 56-29 going into the final period.

Bellevue extended their lead to 66-31 with four minutes left in the game. The Wildcats were able to score 11 points in the final minutes of the game.

"Obviously, we aren't happy with the result," Morrison said. "They are a very good team. They definitely gave us some things we can work on in practice the next couple weeks."

MW	1	20	8	13	42
BW	21	24	11	14	70

MW—Kirschner 15, Gassen 7, Frohloff 3, Moore 2, Gaius 10, Grandgenett 5.

BW—McMorris 6, Poulicek 8, Turner 6, Jackson 12, Stueve 16, Dotzler 8, High 2, Garcia 12.



2023



DIAPER DRIVE

Wildcats' Lower Levels Go Undefeated This Week

Reserves

The Millard West Boys Reserve team traveled to Elkhorn North and played their best game of the year, coming away with a 60-49 win.

The boys were in a battle early and would end the first quarter down 14-16. The two teams went into the half tied 25-25.

The Wildcats jumped to an 11 point lead in the third quarter and would hold on to the lead for the rest of the game.

Colvin Zimmerman led the scoring attack with 14 points. Carson Hutterger had 13 points. Breck Osborne add 5 points.

Freshmen A

The Freshman A-team Traveled to Omaha Westview and won in a thrilling overtime game, 66-54.

West led 12-10 after the first quarter and held a 23-21 lead at the half. The Wildcats were able to stretch the lead to 38-34 at the end of the quarter.

Westview came from behind and forced the game into overtime. West scored 16 points in overtime including making 5 of 6 free throws to seal the victory.

Bryson Williams and Vincent Long led the Cats with 17 points each. Rowan Scholting added 9 points to the cause. Seven different Wildcats

reached the scoring column.

The Millard West A-team was on the road for the 2nd night in a row and was able to win their 2nd game in as many nights with an 83-38 victory over Bellevue East.

The Cats started fast and did not slow down. West led 22-8 at the end of the first quarter and 47-20 at the half. They scored 29 points in the 3rd quarter and were able to initiate the running clock rule for the remainder of the game.

Ryan Beightol's 19 points and Josh Fabrikant's 17 points led the Wildcats. Bryson Williams added 12 points as 9 different players scored in the game for West.

The Wildcats won their third game of the week as they beat Omaha Westside 62-46.

The Wildcats got off to a great start by outscoring the Warriors 16-2 in the first quarter. They extended their lead by one in the 2nd quarter and went into the half 27-12.

Westside put up a fight in the 3rd quarter and outscored West 18-12, but still trailed by 9 points. The Wildcats scored 23 points in the 4th quarter to complete the victory.

Bryson Williams led the team with 21 points. Nate Marable was also in double-digits with 11 points. Vince Long scored 7 points and Dallas Gaius and Camden Ingebretson both had six points.

Freshman B

The MW B-team traveled to Bellevue East and came away with a 76-17 victory.

The Wildcats held the Chieftains to single digits in all four quarters of the game. West also had a season high offensive production with 76 points.

Samson Baker led the Wildcats defense on the boards. Evan Ward led the Wildcats' offense with a season high 12 points.

Other Wildcats scoring were Morris and Solomon Baker with 9 points. Stanton and McDonald had 8 points. Chevis, Cooper, and Dickmeyer with 6 each. Chapp and White scored 4. Semanisin and Teager finished with 2 each.

The Wildcats fought their way back to get the win tonight against a great team from Westside.

The Wildcats trailed at the half by 3pts but came out hot in the 3rd quarter and took control of the lead for the rest of the game.

Evan Ward led the Wildcats offensively again tonight with 9 points. Other Wildcats scoring were Stanton 5, Chevis, Chapp, Morris and White each with 4, Cooper 3, Semanisin and Samson Baker had 2 points.

**WILDCAT
BASKETBALL**

Lower Levels

JV

The Wildcats were able to get a victory on a night that they were cold from deep!

After falling behind early, they used some tenacious defense to pull even by the end of the 1st quarter. The defense continued into the 2nd to get the lead going into halftime. Bellevue East would not go away and nearly took the lead. MW used some transition buckets to pull away in the 4th. The Wildcats were also able to convert from the FT line going 11/14 in the 4th.

Reece Carson led the team with 18 points. Jacob Young contributed 12 points.

The JV boys played a complete game to earn an 83-53 victory over Lincoln Southeast!

Defense was the name of the game to generate energy. The Wildcats executed as a team to take an 11 point lead into halftime.

The 2nd half continued to be the same as the first. Team defense and attacking offensively generated enough in the 3rd to hold a 62-47 lead.

In the 4th, the Wildcats dominated the Knights and outscored them 21-6 in the quarter.

Jayden Kozney led the team with 17 points. Reece Carson and Lucas Johnson contributed 13 and 10 points respectively. All 10 players scored 5 or more points.



Weekly Practice / Game Schedule

Monday, Jan 16

Practice

JV/V 3:40-5:10
 Res 5:15—6:45
 9th 1:00-2:30

Games

No Games

Tuesday, Jan 17

Practice

JV 3:30-4:30
 9th 4:30-6:00

Games

Var at Bel East 7:15 (4:45)
 Res vs Mil South 6:00

Wednesday, Jan 18

Practice

JV/V 3:40-5:10
 Res 5:10-6:30
 9th 5:10-6:30

Games

No Games

Thursday, Jan 19

Practice

Res 6 a.m.
 9th 3:30—5:00

Games

JV vs Mil South 5:30
 Var vs Mil South 7:15

Friday, Jan 20

Practice

JV/V 4:40-5:30
 Res 6 a.m.
 9th No Practices

Games

No Games

Saturday, Jan 21

Practice

No Practices

Games

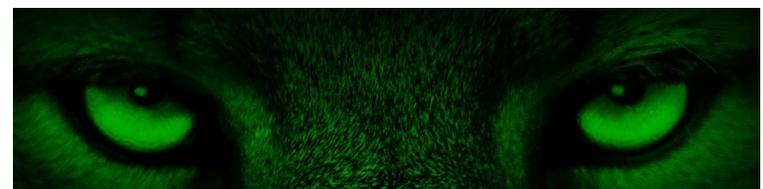
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